

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION**  
**OF THE MEETING OF JMSB FACULTY COUNCIL**

Held on Friday, December 16, 2011  
MB 15.254

**PRESENT**

A. Hochstein, Interim Dean and Chair; A. Ackman; B. Barbieri; S. Brutus; Z. Chudzinski; T. Cuddy; C. Draimin; K. Fragos; L. He; A. Bakr Ibrahim; M. Islam; G. Kanaan; A. Laframboise; C. Law; J. Longo; M. Luciano; R. Molz; F. Nebebe; D. Newton; P. Pietromonaco; I. Rakita; A. Satir; D. Shakibaian; H. Simpkins; G. Synanidis; T. Walker

**ABSENT**

A. Ahmad; J. Ahmad; G. Beasley; H. Bhabra; S. Carliner; A.-M. Croteau; A. Dabora; B. Desai; E. Ferrara; G. Fisher; D. Graham; L. Katsanis; B. Kaufman; H. Kim; F. Lowy; R. Oppenheimer; C.A. Ross; R. Saade; S. Sekar; M. Sharma; H. Turmurcuoglu; U. Wassmer; P. Wood-Adams

**GUESTS**

R. Atanasiadis; T. Field; T. Hagyard; M-G. Hum; C. Law ; M. Roland; S. Sargent

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

*R-2011-8-1 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (H. Simpkins, D. Newton), Council approved the Agenda as presented.*

3. **Open Meeting**

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held November 11, 2011**

*R-2011-8-2 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (K. Fragos, M. Islam), Council approved the Minutes as presented.*

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Chair mentioned that JMSB representatives have been encouraged to report more regularly to Council.

6. **Chair's Remarks and Question Period**

The Chair requested speaking privileges for the individuals he invited and introduced the following guests:

- Ms. Sabrina Sargent  
Ms. Sargent won the Governor General's Silver Award. This medal is awarded to the student with the highest academic achievement at the undergraduate level. She spoke about her time at JMSB and the Chair congratulated her on her success.
- Ms. Miriam Roland  
Ms. Roland explained her interest in Ethics and the importance of an honour code when studying. She explained that this is the reason that she supported the school by donating to Professor Tim Field's course.

There was a brief discussion regarding ethics and the importance taking one's education seriously. It was also mentioned that it would be important to determine to what degree an honour code could be implemented at JMSB.

- Mr. Tim Field  
Mr. Field explained how important Ms. Roland's support has been to the case competition program and JMSB as a whole. He thanked her for all of her support.
- Ms. Reena Atanasiadis  
Ms. Atanasiadis explained that the AACSB report has been finalized and sent to the Peer Review Team.
- Professor Trevor Hagyard  
Professor Hagyard gave the important news that the JMSB students had a 78% pass rate for the UFE in 2011. JMSB has produced 107 of the 576 successful Quebec candidates of the 2011 UFE.

In Question Period, there was a question regarding a "strange" smell in the hallways. Mr. Pietromonaco mentioned that Subway stopped baking for a period during the summer but that they have started to bake bread in the basement again and that has led to the proliferation of the odor. As well, Mr. Pietromonaco mentioned that Facilities Management continues to optimize the elevator system. The idea of a crossover floor is being evaluated.

#### Consent Agenda

7. Reports from the Associate Deans
8. Reports from other University Bodies
9. Staff Report
10. Strategic Plan Update (JMSB-2011-08A-01)
11. Elections

*R-2011-8-3 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (J. Longo, C. Law), Council approved the items on the Consent Agenda as outlined in items 7-11 and detailed in JMSB-2011-08A-01.*

#### Regular Agenda

12. CASA Report  
Ms. Luciano mentioned that the case competitions have been successful this year. As well, ICBC and Jeux du Commerce are important competitions coming up in the New Year. It was explained that CASA continues to recruit to replace Ms. Christine Blackette who retires this year.

Ms. Chudzinski gave an update on the preparations for the JMUCC and Ms. Fragos mentioned an upcoming event "Action for Hunger". She explained that detailed information would be sent to Council members.

13. JMGSA Report

Mr. Law announced that the MBA ICC will be taking place from January 3-8 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. There are a record number of volunteers this year (270) and 12 countries are represented in the competition. Mr. Law mentioned that this is a completely student run competition and as an MBA student, he is very proud of the success of this annual event. Mr. Law also mentioned some upcoming events including a competition at Rotman and the 2012 Graduate Student Ball.

There was a brief discussion regarding reallocation of Research Assistants back to the GM building. It was explained that when they were moved to the MB, it was clear that this move was temporary and only because of the recladding of the GM building. Space in the MB is limited and we require space for the incoming faculty members. As well, Research Assistant space is allotted on an annual basis so changes will occur.

14. Reports from the Associate Deans

14.1 A. Bakr Ibrahim, Associate Dean, Masters and Graduate Diploma Programs

Associate Dean Ibrahim mentioned that the MBA ICC is an important event for JMSB and encouraged everyone to attend. He also urged faculty members to support the volunteers who would be absent from classes during this time.

15. Reports from other University Bodies

15.1 Academic Programs Committee

Professor Barbieri mentioned that there were two issues.

- ENCS has proposed that a C- be required as a minimum for any course in the program. This was tabled at Senate
- Six new courses were approved and it was mentioned that there were no resource implications as they follow within the allotment of courses within the Dean's purview. The question was raised how it is possible to introduce new courses and assure that there will be no cost implications. These courses were approved at Senate.

16. Annual Reports

16.1 Goodman Institute for Investment Management (JMSB-2011-08A-02)

Professor Rakita mentioned that the Goodman Program is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and a reception will be held to commemorate this milestone. He reviewed the statistics and mentioned that the pass rate is 84 % (39% in rest of the world)

There was a question regarding the average work experience for a Goodman student. It was explained that as an average this rate changes every year and is only a part of the entrance portfolio.

17. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the JMSB Faculty Council will take place on January 20, 2012 at 9:30am in MB 15.254.

18. Adjournment

On a motion duly seconded (S. Brutus, D. Newton), the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

*Report of the University Senate*

*Submitted by: Professor Michel Magnan*

*Academic Plan*

Following an intense debate, the Academic Plan was approved by Senate at its meeting in November and is now scheduled to be ratified by the Board of Governors at its next meeting. Implementation issues are now being addressed by the administration and Senate. More specifically, at its December meeting, Senate adopted a motion to set up a new standing committee, tentatively labeled Academic Plan Coordinating Committee, to oversee the implementation of the Academic Plan. However, the mandate and actual role of such a committee will be discussed at the next Senate meeting in January.

*University Governance – Follow up to the Report of the External Governance Review Committee*

Senate has started to work on modifications of the University's by-laws for areas within its purview. Once discussed and adopted by Senate, proposed by-law changes will be forwarded to the Board of Governors. Among the most notable decisions arrived at the last Senate meeting, it was agreed that the President and Vice-Chancellor should now chair Senate meetings. Further by-laws modifications, additions or cancellations will be considered at forthcoming meetings.

The Senate Steering Committee was also mandated by Senate to explore with the Board of Governors' Executive Committee as to how the bicameralism implied by the EGRC report can be implemented at Concordia. In that context, the Steering Committee is scheduled to meet with the Executive Committee of the Board at least twice a year to enhance the information flow between the two bodies. At its last meeting, the Steering Committee started working on these issues which are deemed to be high-priority.

*Senior Administration*

Dean of Graduate Studies Graham Carr now acts as Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies following the departure of Dr. Dandurand. Ms. Marie-Claude Morin has been appointed as Vice-President – Advancement and Alumni Relations. The search for the next President and Vice-Chancellor is still ongoing, with Chancellor Jacques Ménard acting as chair of the Search committee.